Legal sanctity for live-in-relationship

4022. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that recently Allahabad High Court delivered a judgement giving legal sanctity for live-in relationship;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government on this judgement;

(c) whether it is not going to affect our institution of marriage and emotional bond linked with it; and

(d) if so, what steps Government is contemplating in this regard to save the institution of marriage in India ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : (a) to (d) In the case of Payal Katara *Vs.* Superintendent, Nari Niketan Kalindri Vihar, Agra and others, the Allahabad High Court upholding the constitutional right of the citizens as enshrined in article 19 and 21 of the Constitution of India held that the petitioner, a lady about 21 years of age—being a major, has right to go anywhere and that anyone—man and woman even without getting married can live together if they wish. The Judgement has not commented against the institution of marriage or its sanctity.

Illicit arms trade in the country

4023. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that illicit arms and arms trade are threat to the country's security, if so, the details of the cases filed against accused, State-wise;

(b) if not, whether punishment prescribed under various laws are too meagre and insufficient, if so, what steps Government propose to take to enhance the punishment; and

(c) whether Government propose to amend law in respect of bail to the accused persons in arms cases as there should not be bail till disposal of cases, if so, the details thereof ?